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Title : HOLLOW YARN MEMBRANE MODULE,

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: UNIT, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING

: HOLLOW YARN MEMBRANE MODULES

Dated: February 20, 2004

**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated October 23, 2003 from January 23, 2004 to February 23, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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